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Providing a Lottery Game

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Applicant submits this "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance" in response to a statement in the Notice of Allowability mailed on July 21, 2005.

In the Notice of Allowability, it is stated in paragraph 10 on page 3 that "The art is replete with keno games using wild indicia. But in each of those cases, the wild indicia are inserted in the set of winning numbers and not into the player's chosen numbers. There is no suggestion in the prior art to follow the claimed scheme, as *it does not provide any advantage over the prior art*" (emphasis added).

Applicant disagrees with the conclusion that the inventive element of a wild indicia (randomly occurring symbol) inserted into a player's chosen numbers provides no advantage over the prior art. The occurrence of a randomly occurring symbol may automatically trigger the detection of a multiplier symbol (lines 8-10, page 28). A randomly occurring symbol among a player's chosen numbers not only may be considered as a match to any of symbols selected by a lottery authority but also is an indication that the player may be eligible to multiply his winnings if the multiplier symbol is also present.

Therefore, Applicant submits a randomly occurring symbol (wild indicia) inserted among the player's chosen numbers provided an advantage over the prior art.

No additional fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, including any necessary extensions of time, which are hereby requested to Deposit Account No. 03-0683.

Respectfully submitted,

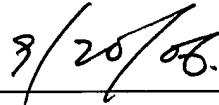
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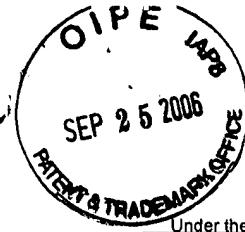
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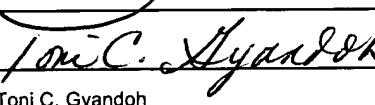
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